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MIDLAND PHILATELIC FEDERATION AUTUMN CONVENTION AND BANBURY FESTIVAL OF STAMPS

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SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2017, 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Banbury Stamp Society is to host a major event for stamp collectors in the Autumn. Banbury's event will feature the Midland Philatelic Federation Autumn Convention annual competitions and a Stamp & Postcard Fair. There will be approximately twenty stamp dealers taking part.

Refreshments will be available all day.

Ample free parking is available to visitors.

There is also a Railway Station at Banbury on the Chiltern Line (Marylebone – Birmingham) for those travelling by train. Free valuations of stamps and postal history will be available from Midland's expert valuer, Tony Lester, for anyone thinking of selling all or part of their collection.

Commenting on plans for the Festival, Chairman. Malcolm Moodie said "It will be an event not to be missed for all new and experienced philatelists. There will be some displays by some of the leading collectors in the Midlands. It will be a great opportunity to meet fellow collectors, buy some new items for your collections and learn more about the hobby."

For more information contact John Davies on davies 1890@btinternet.com or telephone 01295 255831.

The MPF will be holding the annual 16-sheet competition at this event. An application form for submission of entries is attached to this issue of the New Midlander and will be available to download from the MPF website.

Results of the Midland Philatelic Federation 9-sheet Competition held at Worpex May 2017.

Entrant	Title	Society	Marks	Award	
	Aerophilate	ely			
Brian Hyner	German Atlantic Catapult Mail	Royal Sutton Coldfield	81	Silver Gilt	
Robin Jarman	Chilean Airmail	Redditch	80	Silver Gilt	
John Symons	Serving the Islands	Worcester	78	Silver	
	Themati	c			
Richard Pearson	Parrots	Royal Sutton Coldfield	72	Silver	
	Open				
Alan Godfrey	Wilkins-Ellsworth Arctic Expedition	Redditch	82	Silver Gilt	
Geoff Bath	Rio Postcards 1900-22	Royal Sutton Coldfield	79	Silver	
Victoria Archard	Post Stat. of Deutsch Ostafrika	Hereford Mid Wales	75	Silver	
	Postal Hist	ory			
John Walker	Wallpaper Envelopes of the Confederacy	Royal Sutton Coldfield	80	Silver Gilt	
Darrell Kellett	Free Franks	Wales	67	Silver	
				Bronze	
Lyel Swingler	Rotterdam	Redditch	65	Silver	
				Bronze	
Traditional Stamps					
John Barker	German Lettercards 1897-1900	Solihull	82	Silver Gilt	
Keith Law	Lesser Known German Issues	Royal Sutton Coldfield	74	Silver	
Alan Godfrey	South Georgia 1963-78	Redditch	70	Silver	

Congratulations to all entrants and especially to John Barker and Alan Godfrey who were awarded Joint Best in Show.

Shropshire Philatelic Society Stamp & Postcard Fair

Saturday 7th October 2017

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Barnabas Community Church Longden Coleham, Shrewsbury, SY3 7DN

A very popular and well-lit venue, up to 20 Dealers, good and varied refreshments available all day, nearby car parking

Further enquiries: ring 01743 860910 or Brian Lythgoe 01928 735440

Subsidized Trip to Autumn Stampex for MPF Members

The ABPS have selected the Midland Philatelic Federation to receive a bursary of £250 towards subsidizing coach travel to attend a specially organised trip to Stampex on Friday September 15th.

ABPS have planned an exclusive event for those attending the trip, which will include a special meet and greet, and a goodie bag. Free cloakroom space and a guided stroll around the exhibition and Court of Honour will be provided.

To celebrate the Autumn show, the PTS has invited Forrester to showcase his collection called *The Forrester Collection of Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Essays, Errors and Varieties*. The collection contains many examples of each variety from 1961 to present and stands out as a comprehensive accumulation of stamps with ahigh level of completeness containing many rarities. There are a great many unique items and items for which less than 10 exist.

At the time of preparing the New Midlander, I don't know the logistics for the coach trip and suggest those interested contact Bob Harper for more details. I will be away at the time and unable to take advantage of this generous offer.

MIDPEX SUCCESS

MIDPEX 2017 was hailed a success with good attendance and positive feedback. It is the largest stamp event in the Midlands and is the showcase for the best of philately. It is a very prestigious biennial exhibition attended by stamp collectors from across the



UK. It brings together Specialist Societies with local, national international and dealers covering all aspects Philately. It allows Specialist Societies to show off their interests to other collectors, to recruit members and identify common ground with members of other Societies. It also provides an opportunity for promote their Societies to publications and research projects and for members to meet informally, particularly

those members who find it difficult to get to meetings in London. The event in 2017 included post card dealers as well as stamps, thematics and postal history. Over 50 dealers and 40 Specialist Societies supported the Show with many holding their

regional meetings at the event including Opal, Pacific Islands, BPS & The Forces Postal History Society, TPO, Malta, Meter Mail, Revenue and Iran Study Groups. John Gledhill, Chairman of the Midpex Committee, said "We were delighted to get a wide range of comments from both dealers and collectors on the quality of the venue, organisation and displays. Although some would like us to hold the show every year or extend it to two days, we are sticking with what we believe is a successful formula and are have already booked the next show for **July 6th 2019**." As an example, John Enfield wrote in the BPS Society News "Midpex is a well-organised event at a spacious venue with ample parking and good catering facilities. I would urge any members who have not previously attended to come along in 2019, when I hope the BPS will again be represented". Many of the societies took the opportunity to recruit new members, sell their publications and raise funds through the sale of philatelic items and were generally pleased with the level of interest shown by visitors to Midpex.

Photograph courtesy of Bill Barrell

Midpex 2019 is already being planned. It will take place on the more traditional first Saturday of July (July 6th 2019). There will be a new Chairman Clive Jones who is replacing John Gledhill who has had to stand down problem and a new website manager, Nick Bridgwater. Anyone who is thinking about volunteering to join the organising committee should contact one of the existing committee.

Hinckley and District Philatelic Society

Annual October Fair and Exhibition Sunday, 8th October 2017 from 10.00 a.m. - 15.00 p.m.

Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre, Butt Lane, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1LE.

There will be 12 plus dealers in attendance, as well as a raffle for a genuine 1840 QV 1d Black.

Admission is free and there is ample free parking.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

For further information contact Richard Flemming on 01455 613826.

STAMP FAIRS – USE THEM OR LOSE THEM

As a part-time dealer selling stamps for charity at a small number of the fairs in the Midlands I have noticed over the last three years that attendance has declined significantly over the period. I appreciate that collectors are getting older and hence less likely to venture out but stamps fairs will not survive without people going to them. Many people now tell me it is so much easier and convenient to use eBay or online dealers but surely nothing is as rewarding as sorting through a dealers 50 p box and finding that elusive item for a song. Items on eBay generally find the proper price even from a low start price.

Fairs are held throughout the Midlands with Simon Collyer, Dave Burnett and John Rice organising a number of them. The following isn't a comprehensive list but the ones I know of. I am happy to give details of any fairs which I am notified of – especially if local societies support them. Details are also put on the MPF website so if you want to find a fair to attend any weekend have a look on there.

Knowle – Third Sunday each month (second Sunday in May)

Great Barr – Saturdays each month

Wolverhampton – first Sunday each month

Nottingham – Second Wednesday alternate months from February

Shifnal – last Sunday each month (except December)

Stourbridge – first Saturday each month

Kenilworth – See John Rice website for dates

Lichfield – See John Rice website for dates

Sutton Coldfield – See John Rice website for dates

Rugby – First Thursday alternate months from February

Shilton – Third Saturday each month

Birmingham Midweek – Last Wednesday each month

Cirencester – First Wednesday each month

Northampton – Saturday Dates in January, April, July, September, December

Powick – Saturday Dates in January, April, July, September, December

Larger events are held in Stafford twice a year organised by John Rice and at Motorcycle Museum Birmingham/Solihull organised by Simon Collyer (mainly postcards but always some stamp dealers present).

If anyone wants to supply detailed dates and locations for these and any other relevant fairs then send them to me at the above email or to the MPF website run by Nick Bridgwater.

Hopefully attendances will pick up and we won't lose this vital aprt of our hobby

<u>- USE THEM OR LOSE THEM.</u>

The <u>Telford Stamp, Card and Coin Fairs</u> are held quarterly on the second Saturday of January, April, July and October each year and are held in the Belmont Community Hall, adjacent to the Tan Bank Car Park in Wellington Centre, Telford, TF1 1LU.

The fairs are organised by Telford Philatelic Society. Entry is free and the fairs are open from 10 am to 3 pm. Free parking is adjacent to the hall. Both train and bus stations are nearby for those who cannot travel by car.

If there are any dealers out there who wish to have a table at this well-attended fair then contact Bob Pilkington, Tele: 01299-211737. Email: sbpilkington02@outlook.com.

Next Fairs 2017 – October 14th

2018 – January 13th; April 14th; July 14th; October 13th

Society News

Leicester Philatelic Society

Leicester Philatelic Society have moved venues. From Tuesday 12th September, which will be the start of their 112th Season, meetings will be held at **Charles Keene Room**, **Christchurch**, 105a Clarendon Park Road, Leicester LE2 3AH.

The first meeting will be the President's evening, and further details of future monthly meetings, are available on the website www.leicesterphilatelicsociety.webs.com.

Hereford and Mid-Wales Philatelic Society

Hereford and Mid Wales have a new Secretary Janet Nelson and a new President in Frank Bennett. Please amend the MPF contact list to reflect this change. Janet's contact number is 07887 997932.

Coventry Stamp and Postcard Club

Coventry SPC celebrated its 70th Birthday in May 2017 with a meal in a local pub. The Society first met in the Squirrel pub in Coventry City Centre but this no longer does food in the evening and an alternative was found. The meal was attended by the current longest serving members, Mark Rollason who joined as a junior and John Dixon. In recent years, the society membership has dwindled due to age of the members but has recently picked up some new members by advertising the society meetings in the free publications in the area. We look forward to a fascinating programme in the new season with the highlight likely to be Peter Pugh's Siberian Railway Part 2 display.

Loughborough and District Philatelic Society

On the 23rd June 2017, the Loughborough & District Philatelic Society were 70 years of age. The Society was formed by a Captain Emerson Huston, an eminent industrialist, entrepreneur and philatelist, of Barrow-on-Soar, Leics, who with a few enthusiastic



stamps collectors met in the Loughborough library on 23rd June 1947. One of those members was a Mr. Tom Blower, a postmaster from the village of Mountsorrel, Leicestershire. He used to take his son Lionel along to some of the meetings. Lionel, is still member of the Society and along Brian J. Williams, are our two longest serving members. (In the photograph, Lionel is on the

left with Brian). The Society is not a large one (32 members to date), however it is the variety and quality of its members interests that cover all aspects of philately and indeed anything to do with the post. Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Thursdays in a month, in the refurbished Rosebery Street School Rooms, which are part of the new Rosebery Street Medical Centre in Loughborough. On 30th June, the Society held a special anniversary dinner. The Secretary (and this year's President), is Rowland F. Tatton 01509-268073. Further details can be obtained from the internet https://sites.google.com/site/loughboroughphilatelic/

Additions to the MPF Speaker's List

<u>Dr. Malcolm Hughes</u>, Tel: 0121 378 4837; E-mail: mkhughes567@btinternet.com Areas of interest: 1. Niger Coast (Oil Rivers) Protectorate; 2. British Guiana;

- 3. British Honduras; 4. Falkland Islands & Dependencies; 5. Mauritius
- 6. German Colonies the 'Yacht' overprinted issues

Own transport and am prepared to travel up to a radius of 40 miles.

ADD to **Dr Ken Flint**; Postal History and Post Cards of Buxton, Derbyshire.

SOCIETY DIARY

If your society programme is not in this list then it means that Ken Flint and Nick Bridgwater have not received it. Please send a scan of the programme to either of us for inclusion in the New Midlander and on the MPF website.

Sept 1 st	European Potpourri	Tony Sibley	Nottingham
Sept 4 th	An Introduction to Brazil	Nick & Janet Nelson	Gloucetershire
Sept 5 th	Bourse and Half-night General Tips on Stamp Displays.	Members	Hinckley
Sept 5 th	New Acquisitions and Newly Mounted	Members	Sutton Coldfield
Sept 6 th	Nine sheets on any philatelic subject	Members	Hereford
Sept 6 th	Acquisitions or Potential Disposals	Members	Stratford on Avon
Sept 7 th	New Acquisitions	Members	Redditch
Sept 7 th	Wei Hai Wei Postcards	Nick Kerridge	Northampton
Sept 7 th	Germany Bits & Pieces	John Hodges	Worcester
Sept 11 th	Introductory Evening - New Acquisitions	Members	Rugby
Sept 11 th	A Danzig Miscellany	Giles du Boulay	Telford
Sept 12 th	New Acquisitions plus Bourse	Members	Coventry
Sept 12 th	Informal Meeting	Members	Solihull
Sept 12 th	Members' Displays / New Acquisitions	Members	Dudley
Sept 12 th		Members	Sutton Coldfield
Sept 12	Letters 'M', 'N' and 'O'	Members	
Sept 13 th	Diamlay	Brian Ward	(morning)
Sept 13 th	Display Confederate States	John Walker	Notts Co-Op Matlock
Sept 13 th	Introductory Wine & Cheese Evening	Members	Leamington
Sept 14 th	Up to 16 Sheets - "Compass Points"	Members	Solihull (morning)
Sept 14 th	President's Evening		Derby
Sept 14 th	Something Sporting	Members	Radcliffe on Trent
Sept 17 th	Annual General Meeting and The Country	Members	South Midlands (afternoon)
Sept 19 th	Informal Meeting	Members	Stafford
Sept 19 th	TransSiberian Railway (Part 2)	Peter Pugh	Solihull
Sept 19 th	Mesopotamia during WWI	Terry Hare-Walker	Banbury
Sept 19 th	Cacti on Stamps	Les Pearcy	Hinckley
Sept 19 th	Confederate use of Patriotic Covers & Letterheads in the Civil War 1861-1865	John Walker	Sutton Coldfield
Sept 19 th	Judith and Paul Bradshaw Entertain	Judith and Paul Bradshaw	Rushden
Sept 20 th	History of the Lottery	John Baron	Stratford on Avon
Sept 20 th	New Acquisitions and Interests	Members	Stroud
Sept 20 th	Annual General Meeting and Something Hot	Members	South Midlands
			(afternoon)
Sept 21st	Competition Displays - Stocks Trophy, Hanson	Members	Coleshill
-	Trophy & Presidents Trophy		
Sept 21 st	Parachutes	Barry Stagg	Redditch
Sept 21st	New Acquisitions	Members	Wombourne

Sept 21 st	Military Postal History	Malcolm Watts	Worcester
Sept 22 nd	New Acquisitions and Recently Mounted	Members	Nottingham
Sept 25 th	Worcestershire Postal History	Christopher Jackson	Rugby
Sept 26 th	Transport – Covers and Stamps	Members	Coventry
Sept 26 th	Great Britain – Modern Postal History	John Sussex	Solihull
Sept 26 th	Big Business on the China Coast	Peter Pugh	Dudley
Sept 27 th	'Gold'	Theo Schilderman	Leamington
Sept 28 th	Channel Islands	Douglas Harvey	Radcliffe on
1			Trent
Sept 28 th	Annual General Meeting and Bourse	Members	Birmingham
1	Č		(afternoon)
Oct 2 nd	Competition - The Letter "P"	Members	Gloucetershire
Oct 3 rd	West Indies – Nevis and British Virgin Islands	W.Gibb	Solihull
Oct 3 rd	Parachutes - A Thematic Display	Barry Stagg	Banbury
Oct 3 rd	The Letter "R"	Members	Hinckley
Oct 3 rd	Small Islands	Members	Sutton Coldfield
Oct 4 th	Letters 'S', 'T', and 'U'	Members	Hereford
Oct 4 th	The Letter "N"	Members	Stratford on
			Avon
Oct 4 th	Thematic Displays	Members	Stroud
Oct 5 th	Rocket Mail	Nick Levinge	Northampton
Oct 5 th	Postcard Evening	Members	Redditch
Oct 5 th	Wiltshire Postal History and Village Postcards	Malcolm Watts	Wombourne
Oct 5 th	Japanese P.O.W. Mail WW.II	John Walker	Worcester
Oct 9 th	Introduction to Uniform Penny Post	Doug Nottingham	Rugby
Oct 9 th	Military Conflicts Through Letters / Artefacts	Graham Bradbury	Telford
Oct 10 th	Letters 'K', 'E' and 'N'	Members	Coventry
Oct 10 th	Imperial Airways - Delayed, Disasters and	D Crewe	Solihull
	Disruption		
Oct 10 th	Great Britain - Registered Mail	Steven Harrison	Dudley
Oct 10 th	From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the	David Venables	Sutton Coldfield
	Adriatic and Points East		(morning)
Oct 11 th	Display	Bob Hill	Notts Co-Op
Oct 11 th	Zeppelin Mail	Bryan Hyner	Matlock
Oct 11 th	Wiltshire Postal History	Richard Flemming	Leamington
Oct 12 th	Up to 16 Sheets – Letter 'L'	Members	Solihull
			(morning)
Oct 12 th	Hungary	George Kirkham	Radcliffe on
			Trent
Oct 16 th	Something from Somerset	Nick Bridgwater	South Midlands
.3			(afternoon)
Oct 17 th	Postal History of the Army of the Black Sea		Stafford
41	part 2		
Oct 17 th	Italian States and Italian Postal Rates	A. Harris	Solihull
Oct 17 th	World of Czeslaw Slania and New Acquisitions	Colin Searle	Banbury
Oct 17 th	Auction and Half-night Display	Members	Hinckley
Oct 17 th	My Favourite Country	Members	Sutton Coldfield
Oct 17 th	Andy Golding Entertains	Andy Golding	Rushden
Oct 18 th	New Zealand Wartime Airmails & Clipperton	Laurence Kimpton	Stratford on
	Island		Avon

Oct 18 th	Committee Displays	Paul Fowler	Stroud
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Oct 19 th	Stratford on Avon PS Entertain	0.35.1.11	Redditch
Oct 19 th	Members' Displays	S. Mitchell	Coleshill
- , th		J. Moseley	
Oct 19 th	Wombourne Stampex	Members	Wombourne
Oct 19 th	Not Another Bloody Railway	Peter Pugh	Worcester
Oct 20 th	Great Britain Used in Malta	Martin Lloyd	Nottingham
Oct 23 rd	It's all Greek to me	Paul Woodness	Rugby
Oct 24 th	Perfins	Steve Bence	Coventry
	Penguins	Maggie Bence	
Oct 24 th	Railways (A Postal History Story)	Yvonne Wheatley	Solihull
Oct 24 th	Austrian Medical Units in World War I	Clive Murray	Dudley
Oct 25 th	Revenues	George Dunbar	Leamington
	Great Britain Overprinted Revenues	John Gledhill	
Oct 26 th	To Be Announced		Radcliffe on
			Trent
Oct 31st	Competitive Philately	G Winters	Solihull
Oct 31st	Danzig - The Propaganda War	Giles du Boulay	Hinckley
Oct 31st	A Visit from Birmingham Philatelic Society		Sutton Coldfield
Nov 1 st	Great Britain Travelling Post Offices	Clive Jones	Stratford on
			Avon
Nov 1 st	Kings and Queens	Members	Stroud
Nov 2 nd	Single Sheet Competition	Members	Redditch
Nov 2 nd	Goodyear's Bits and Bobs	Sue and Dave	Wombourne
		Goodyear	
Nov 2 nd	Social	Members	Northampton
Nov 2 nd	Across the Middle East by Air & Land 1918-	Lawrence Kimpton	Worcester
	1930	r	
Nov 3 rd	Visit from Leicester P.S.		Nottingham

Rugby Stamp Fair

The fair is organised by Simon Hemmings of Midland Philatelics Ltd and held at Rogers Hall, Deering Road, Hillmorton CV21 4EN

The event will open at 9.30 am and close at 3.00 pm.

Rugby Philatelic Society will be in attendance to give philatelic advice and details of their meetings.

Free parking, free admission and refreshments available at all fairs.

The remaining dates for fairs in 2017 are October 5th

Now into its third year, the Benn Hall fair will be run on Sunday 26th November between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Again there will be a varied selection of dealers offering stamps, postcards, postal history and accessories. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking. Hot and cold refreshments will be available all day.

It is anticipated there will again be in excess of 20 dealers in attendance.

MPF 16-sheet — Individual Competitions Banbury — Saturday October 28th 2017

We are continuing the "Open Frames" competition concept which has worked so successfully at recent MPF Competitions. This has the advantage that you do not need to send your expensive items in the post. They will be pre-judged so the results will be available from the start of the Exhibition.

Please post photocopies or printed scans of your entries with protectors to:-

Clive Murray, 53, Wrens Avenue, TIPTON, DY4 8AF Email clivemurray33@gmail.com

All are 16 sheet entrie	s:- There	e will be five competitions w	with section	s as below:-
Traditional Stamps		Postal History		
Thematic		Aerophilately		
Open Class				
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Title of Entry				
Name				_
Address				_
Post Code				
Telephone No. Home _		Mobi	le	
e-mail				
Signature				
Society				

All entries will be acknowledged by email.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES Saturday, 14th October 2017.